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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, JO  
SUBJECT: JORDANIAN BOYCOTT PRACTICES

REF: A) ABU DHABI 800, B) AMMAN 2707

1. FOR SOME TIME EMBASSY HAS BEEN AWARE THAT LOCAL  
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BANKING COMMUNITY HAS COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY  
CONSIDERED CHANGES IN BOYCOTT LANGUAGE USED IN LETTERS  
OF CREDIT. RECENTLY, ARAB BANK, BY FAR LARGEST  
BANK OPERATING IN JORDAN, HAS COMPLETELY ELIMINATED  
NEGATIVE LANGUAGE IN REQUIRED STATEMENT OF ORIGIN  
AND HAS RESTRICTED SHIPPING LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT TO  
STATEMENT THAT "GOODS ARE SHIPPED ON NON-ISRAELI

STEAMER AND NOT CALLING ON ISRAELI PORTS." MOST, IF NOT ALL, OTHER COMMERCIAL BANKS HAVE LIKEWISE MODIFIED LANGUAGE OF THEIR STANDARD L/C APPLICATION FORMS. THERE REMAIN SMALL NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH ADDITIONAL BOYCOTT LANGUAGE (RE NON-BLACKLISTED SHIPS AND NEGATIVE CERTIFICATIONS OR ORIGIN,) HAS BEEN ADDED TO APPLICATIONS FOR LETTERS OF CREDIT BY A STAMP: -- REASON FOR THIS IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR TO US, BUT WE SUSPECT THIS STAMP MAY BE ADDED AT INSTANCE OF LOCAL IMPORTER RATHER THAN BANK OPENING LETTER OF CREDIT.

2. WHILE BOYCOTT LANGUAGE NOT ACCEPTABLE UNDER EAA HAS BEEN ALMOST ENTIRELY ELIMINATED FROM L/C LANGUAGE IN JORDAN, NIETHER CENTRAL BANK NOR MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTION PERMITTING OR DIRECTING THIS CHANGE IN PROCEDURE. IT IS MERELY UNDERSTOOD THAT L/C LANGUAGE NOW WIDELY IN USE WILL BE TOLERATED BY GOJ AUTHORITIES. AT SAME TIME, WE ARE TOLD , LOCAL BOYCOTT OFFICE REMAINS, PUBLICLY IF QUIETLY, ADAMANT THAT PREVIOUS BOYCOTT LANGUAGE MUST BE USED. OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT (PRAGMATIC) JORDANIANS ARE ACTING PRAGMATICALLY.

3. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT IN COURSE OF WRESTLING WITH PROBLEM OF BOYCOTT LANGUAGE IN L/C'S, ONE PROMINENT BANKER, WITH SOME SUPPORT FROM OTHERS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAS OBTAINED PROMISE FROM LOCAL BOYCOTT OFFICER TO HAVE MATTER OF SHIPPING LANGUAGE INSCRIBED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT BOYCOTT LIAISON OFFICERS' MEETING. APPARENTLY, SIMILAR COMMITMENT REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN WAS NOT SOUGHT OR RECEIVED.  
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